

1. What was / has been your occupation before entering politics?

Global high-tech recruiter for over 30 years and community activist for over 20 years.

2. Do you live in the riding and, if so, how long has it been your home?

Yes, I was raised in the riding in Madoc, and have lived in Lonsdale, Tyendinaga Township, for 25 years.

3. What has been your main involvement with your community outside of work (volunteer activities, etc.)?

Member of the Concerned Citizens Committee of Tyendinaga and Environs for over 20 years, fighting to protect our drinking water from contamination from a megadump.

4. In your life what event, or book, or speech, or song or even TV show has made the biggest impression on you and your political thinking? Why?

The book “Love Never Faileth” by Eknath Easwaren. This is a book based on the teachings of St. Augustine, St. Paul, Mother Theresa, and St. Francis of Assisi. This book helped give me an overwhelming desire to serve, and that is because of love, as corny as that sounds! “Make me an instrument of thy peace.”

5. What previous politician, (alive or dead, but not currently in parliament) is a role model for you?

Lester B. Pearson, because he was the consummate collaborator. He could always find a path to a solution through finding common ground with those around him, and this was never seen better than through his work in a minority government.

6. What policy in your party's platform do you think matters most to the people in your riding?

Our commitment to net-zero emissions will have the biggest benefit to our planet, which will also benefit our riding. We have to get there! Future generations, our children and grandchildren are counting on us. Whether farmers, or people living along our bodies of water, or people who rely on tourism for their livelihoods, and more—all are impacted by climate change.

7. Recent polls suggest many Canadians are disillusioned with politics. If elected, what would you do to address those concerns?

We need to find common ground to address the challenges of our society—from an aging

demographic, to climate change, to income inequality, you name it. I would continue to work collaboratively to move our community forward.